Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 18 Aug 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 19 Aug 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 17 Aug 2020 at 15:43 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for overall developments out to Thursday, but low for eastern extent of heavy showers and thunderstorm risk Tuesday. Several hours uncertainty in timing of rain moving north Wednesday night/early Thursday. Low from Friday with the potential for much lighter winds for a time.

Headline for Tuesday 18 Aug 2020: A cloudy start. Brightening up, especially in the west, but heavy perhaps thundery afternoon showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 18 Aug 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Medium Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Drizzle	Dull	Dull	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	20%	20%	10%	20%	50%	40%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 18 Aug 2020

Weather: Low cloud through the early hours, some patchy drizzle at times. Western hills brightening up after dawn with some sunny spells, but low cloud slow to clear in the east through the morning. Heavy, perhaps thundery showers will break out across western hills from around midday or early afternoon and continue into the evening, easing towards dusk. Drier in the east, but a few showers possible.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, cloud bases around 700-900m across the Cairngorms, nearer 1000m further west, in the morning, mainly above the summits in the afternoon.

Visibility: Very good outside of areas of low cloud in the morning. Temporarily falling to the few km in heavy showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/23 SE	14/19 SE	13/18 SE	14/20 SE	13/19 SE	9/14 S	8/12 S	6/9 SW	7/10 SW
900	9/11 E	9/12 SE	9/13 SE	9/14 SE	11/17 S	8/13 SW	6/10 S	6/9 SW	6/9 SW
600	5/8 SE	5/8 S	5/8 S	5/9 NE	7/13 S	6/11 S	4/7 SW	3/6 SW	4/8 SW
300	3/7 NE	2/5 E	2/5 NE	3/7 SW	5/12 S	4/9 SW	3/6 NE	3/7 SW	3/7 SW
Glen	2/7 N	1/5 N	2/4 N	3/7 SE	4/11 S	5/11 SW	3/7 W	3/7 W	2/6 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/6	9/6	8/5	9/6	10/7	10/8	9/8	8/6	7/6
900	12/10	11/10	11/10	12/10	13/11	14/12	13/12	11/10	10/9
600	12/12	12/12	12/12	14/14	16/15	16/15	15/15	13/13	12/12
300	13/13	13/13	13/13	16/16	19/18	18/18	17/18	15/15	14/14
Glen	13/13	12/13	13/13	18/18	21/20	20/20	18/19	15/15	14/14
Freezing Level*	2800m	2700m	2700m	2700m	2700m	2800m	2800m	2700m	2700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Highest thunder risk likely to be across Ben Alder and Creag Meagaidh, but cannot be ruled out elsewhere.

Forecast for Wednesday 19 Aug 2020
Weather: Mostly dry and bright, perhaps a few sunny spells. A few well scattered showers are likely, mainly around early afternoon. A dry evening but strengthening winds and rain spread north overnight.

Maximum wind: Light and variable becoming Southeast 15-20 mph in the afternoon. Increasing to 20-25 gusting 35 mph across the summits by the start of the night.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, cloud bases likely to be above the summits.

Visibility: Very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 14 Celsius rising to 20 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 10 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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